SENATE BILL 1563

By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-116; Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 4 and Section 55-50-504, relative to driving while intoxicated.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-116, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(e) If a defendant, who has a prior conviction for driving while the defendant's driver's license was cancelled, suspended or revoked under § 55-50-504(a)(1), is thereafter convicted of driving while intoxicated under § 55-10-401, then the judge shall revoke bail immediately, notwithstanding sentencing hearings, motions for a new trial and related post-guilt determination hearings; and the defendant shall immediately be jailed and commence service of sentence for such violation of § 55-10-401.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-504(a)(2), is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the subdivision:

Such confinement shall be served consecutively to the confinement imposed for violation of §39-13-106, §39-13-213, or §55-10-401.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.